

Metro Budget Committee Meeting Summary
Wednesday, November 15, 2006
5:15 p.m.
Third Floor, City Hall

Present: **Chair: CM Blackwell**

Members: **Vice-Chair CM Heiner, CW Woolridge,**
 CM Fleming, CM King, CM Downard, CW Adams & CM
 Johnson

Absent: **CW Ward-Pugh (excused absence)**

Chairman Blackwell began the meeting by announcing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. Quorum was established.

Special Items for Discussion: NONE

AGENDA

[O-222-11-06](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING YEAR-END OPERATING BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 AND APPROPRIATING \$5,164,700 FROM FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND THE CARRY FORWARD OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX REVENUES IDENTIFIED THROUGH ORDINANCE NO. 182, SERIES 2005 TO VARIOUS AGENCIES TO COVER 2005-2006 OPERATING EXPENDITURES, CAPITAL INTEREST REVENUE IN THE CAPITAL CUMULATIVE RESERVE FUND, FUNDING FOR WASTE COLLECTIONS CARTS TO BE PURCHASED IN FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007, AND FUNDING FOR DRUG COURT ACTIVITIES BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IN FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007.

Discussion: CW Woolridge made a motion to approve the item and CM Heiner seconded the motion. Jane Driskell and Daniel Frockt, Finance and Budget were present to speak on the item. Ms. Driskell stated this ordinance mirrors the Fiscal Year End Report presented to the committee on October 18, 2006. The first section of the ordinance outlines the transfers to and from the Departments as previously discussed. The second section outlines the appropriable fund sources. The year end General Fund Revenue ended up approximately \$3.2 million more than the mid-year forecast. As a reminder, all anticipated funds reported at mid-year, were appropriated at mid-year. In addition to this, identified was the delinquent property taxes carried forward by last year's year end ordinance, combining the adjustment in revenue and the delinquent property tax equals \$5,776,900. Of this, the transfers in Section One to and from the departments equals \$4,947,000; leaving \$829,900. The Administration is proposing that a portion of the \$829,900 is appropriated in the following manner:

- \$112,200 to be transferred to the Capital Cumulative Reserve Fund
 - Appropriate accounting adjustment for the amount of Capital Interest Budgeted in the Capital Budget
- \$75,000 to purchase the Waste Collection Carts for Solid Waste Management Services
- \$30,500 to fund a commitment to continue the Drug Court Activities in the County Attorney's Office
- Sections 7 to 10 are carry forward authorizations

The following items were discussed:

- Delinquent Property Taxes carry forward
- Rainy Day Fund balance & specifications
- Fuel expense adjustment & utilities
- Capital Reserve Interests

- Departments overages – mainly fuel and utilities
- Union negotiations
- Louisville Metro Police Department progresses
- Interests in infrastructure and maintenance improvements
- Department of Corrections – housing state prisoners
- K-9 unit funding issues

By unanimous vote, the item was approved and sent to **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

[O-223-11-06](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 99, SERIES 2005 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 OPERATING FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT, BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE MASS TRANSIT TRUST FUND TO THE TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF THE RIVER CITY (TARC) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 OPERATING AND CAPITAL ACTIVITIES.

Discussion: CW Woolridge made a motion to approve the item and CM King seconded the motion. Barry Barker, TARC and Jane Driskell, CFO of Finance and Budget, spoke to the item. As mentioned the transfer of funds from the Mass Transit Trust Fund to TARC was to cover unanticipated costs in fuel and personnel expenses. A factor for the request was in part due to receiving less in federal funds. The following items were addressed within the discussion:

- Future perspective on the Mass Transit Trust Fund
- Increase of Trust Fund dollars under Barry Barker's management
- History and techniques of the Metro Council approval of TARC's budget
 - State Statute
- Light Rail, or something similar to it
 - Much debate in years to come
 - Directors perspective to do more with buses than an alternative community transit
- Rails vs. Bridges
- Percentage of costs covering overhead expenses
- Vacancy rates on buses

By unanimous vote, the item was approved and sent to **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

[R-183-11-06](#)

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING ONE (1) PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4904 RED FERN ROAD (0897-0321-0000), OWNED BY THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT ("METRO GOVERNMENT"), AS SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE AND AUTHORIZING ITS TRANSFER.

Discussion: CM Johnson made a motion to approve the item and CM King seconded the motion. Carl Malysz, Louisville Metro Housing and Community Development, stated the property is currently owned by the department was acquired as part of the Newburg Effort. Several properties in the area were boarded and vacant. This was one acquired and rehabilitated, now put back onto the market with a purchaser for it.

By unanimous vote, the item was approved and sent to **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

Having no objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM. These items will be on the November 21, 2006 SPECIAL Metro Council Agenda.

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*****Full discussion of the meeting is available on audio tape upon request to the Metro Council Clerk's office 574-3902.***